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Serial or Patent No.: To be assigned Case Docket No. 64743-5001
Filed or Issued: Concurrently herewith
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING TRAVEL SERVICES

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27(b)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING TRAVEL SERVICES described in

- ☒ the specification filed herewith
☐ application serial no. _____, filed _____
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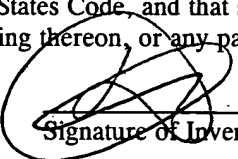
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Donald Kaplan
NAME OF INVENTOR


Signature of Inventor

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DECLARATION

☒ ORIGINAL
☐ CONTINUATION
☐ DIVISIONAL

As a below named inventor, I declare that the information given herein is true, that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 1 below, or a joint inventor if plural inventors are named below, of the invention entitled:

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING TRAVEL SERVICES

Which is described and claimed in:

- ☒ the attached specification or
☐ the specification in application Serial No. _____ filed _____ ☐ as amended on _____ (if applicable)
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and for which a patent is sought, and that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a). I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S) | | | |
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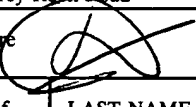
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §120, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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